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**BIOLOGICAL SURVEY OFFERS  
SURPLUS BISON TO PARKS**

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The American bison has long been a rare animal, but the U. S. Biological Survey has a surplus of 22 awaiting the State or municipal park, zoo, or game preserve that can afford the expenses of handling and transportation. On the same terms the Bureau offers to dispose of 10 elk also. And if individuals wish to buy the animals, the Bureau will sell the buffalo at \$50 per animal and the elk at \$40, plus handling and transportation expenses.

These animals, says the Bureau, remain after a call for bids that resulted on October 22 in the disposition of 27 buffalo and 7 elk from a surplus of 49 buffalo and 17 elk on Federal big-game preserves. Surpluses are disposed of annually to prevent overgrazing.

Though preferring to see the animals transferred to parks and other exhibition areas, the Federal officials received acceptable bids only for animals to be used for meat. An individual in Missoula, Mont., purchased 25 buffalo and 7 elk; another in Ainsworth, Nebr., bought one buffalo; and a GOC camp at Columbus, Nebr., bid successfully for a buffalo. The animals will be killed on the range by Federal agents.

Inquiries, says the Bureau, have been received from parks, and it is hoped that some of the remaining specimens of these big-game animals may be disposed of in this way. The need for surplus disposal is, however, not as great this year as at times in the past, and it is possible that some of the "surplus" will be carried over another winter.